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**RUSSELL SPRINGS MAN - UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE EMPLOYEE -
SENTENCED TO 6½ YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR VIOLATING
FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY LAWS**

– Some of the images were of sexual abuse and rape by adults

– Hall used Postal Service computer to access images of child pornography on the Internet

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on December 6, 2006, **MORRIS E. HALL**, age 58, of 3168 East Highway 80, Jamestown, Kentucky 42629, **was sentenced** to 6½ years' imprisonment for one charge of receiving child pornography. The United States had requested 8 years. The Federal Guidelines sentencing range is between 8 and 10 years. United States District Judge Thomas B. Russell also imposed supervised release for a period of 7 years following release from prison. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.** Hall had previously pled guilty to the child pornography charge in September this year.

The Pornography

Forensic examiners recovered 670 files containing child pornography from the Postal Service computer Hall utilized to search for and receive child pornography on the Internet. A sample of four images of child pornography received by Hall while on the Postal Service computer included the following: (1) An image showing a 5 -7 year-old female child performing oral sex on an adult man; (2) An image showing a young 3 - 5 year-old Asian child lying on her back on a sofa. She is

wearing only a white shirt. Her legs are spread apart, revealing her genital area and an adult male stands in front of her with his penis next to her genital area; (3) An image showing a 12 - 14 year-old female child naked and squatting over a vibrator standing on its end; and (4) An image showing a minor female child lying on her stomach while an adult male penetrates her from behind.

Evidence showed that Hall set search parameters on his computer for children younger than 14 years old that he wished to view. Web logs showed Hall visited several web sites that catered to individuals wishing to view nude underage females that contained the term “Lolita” in the web addresses. The investigation also recovered Hall's searching of web pages which contained images and links for bestiality, human urination, rape, teens, incest, homosexuality, masturbation, pornography, nudity, and explicit sexual images from the computer.

The Investigation

On October 5, 2005, a member of the Computer Incident Response Team (CIRT), with the United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General (“USPS-OIG”), contacted another agent with USPS-OIG, Computer Crimes Unit (“CCU”), to report that a Postal network user had performed an internet search using keywords “pictures of little girls” raising concerns that attempts were being made to view child pornography. According to the reporting agent, an active Advanced Computer Environment Identification (ACEID) of XP63Z0 assigned to Morris E. Hall, Jr., was identified as the ACEID used to make the searches. Hall’s ACEID was identified through a software application run on the USPS’s computer network, which provides a report on the number of web pages that were blocked or unsuccessfully viewed for a user’s account. To determine if Hall was actively searching the internet for child pornography, the reporting agent requested that the USPS’s CIRT team in Raleigh, North Carolina, provide web logs for Hall’s ACEID for the period of May 2005 through October 2005. The web log provided the date, time, web addresses, and keywords

used to search the internet and web sites by Hall. In addition, the web logs were used to determine the amount of time Hall spent using the internet.

On November 14, 2005, a Special Agent with USPIS traveled to the Jamestown Post Office and made a forensic image of the computers in the facility. Utilizing a Logicube MD5 imager the reporting agent imaged two computers located in the facility. The computer imaged from the workroom floor was a HP/Compaq computer (serial number MXD34506JD) and was labeled as FLR during the imaging process.

The agent performed a forensic analysis of the information and concluded that Hall primarily used msn.com to search for sites and keywords on the internet. The resulting data revealed that Hall visited pornographic sites on a daily basis. Parsing the data to extract the specific keywords for web sites disclosed Hall routinely made keyword searches for sites that contained explicit and adult content. Specifically, Hall performed keyword searches for sites that contained pornographic material depicting young adults, teens, and young children. The keyword analysis also revealed that Hall searched for sites containing images of “bestiality”, “illegal preteen on preteen sex”, “pictures of young female vaginas” and slang terms used to describe female genitals.

The web log analysis also revealed that Hall visited a web site called newfaces.com where he was able to set the search parameters for aspiring models and actors. Special Agents discovered evidence where Hall set search parameters for children younger than 14 years old that he wished to view and web logs where Hall visited several web sites that catered to individuals wishing to view nude underage females that contained the term “Lolita” in the web addresses.

Further analysis of the hard drive, imaged from the workroom floor at Jamestown Post Office, found that it contained pornographic and sexually explicit images within the user folders for Hall. Images were recovered from the unallocated space of the hard drive. The reporting agent also

recovered web pages containing images and links for bestiality, human urination, rape, teens, incest, homosexuality, masturbation, pornography, nudity, and explicit sexual images from the computer.

Agents recovered thumbnail images from the workroom floor computer's hard drive depicting images of pornography, explicit sex, and nudity. In addition, one image of potential child pornography was recovered from the drive, which depicted a nude female of an undeterminable age.

With this information, on February 22, 2006, Special Agents installed a covert camera at the Jamestown Post Office to determine the identity of the suspect and correlate computer activity to documentation obtained from internet searches on that computer. Based on this tool, agents identified a Sales and Service Associate Morris E. Hall, Jr. as a suspect.

The CCU continued monitoring the internet activity and, on April 14, 2006, sent a report to the Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP) (an international child victim identification consortium charged with identifying individual victims of abuse). On April 17, 2006, the CVIP issued a response, which detailed the identity of 18 of the 23 potential victims as known children of abuse under the age of 18.

On May 15, 2006, a review of the covert video obtained from the Jamestown Post Office on March 28, 2006, detailed that on February 28, 2006, at 16:08 (4:00 p.m.) Hall was in the Jamestown Post Office. Detailed in the video is a white female child of approximately eight years of age. The video details the female looking at the computer monitor with Hall. (Following Hall's arrest in this case, appropriate Social Services personnel interviewed the child seen in the video footage and concluded that she had not been viewing any inappropriate material with Hall).

On May 16, 2006, agents reproduced a web log of the workroom floor computer at the Jamestown Post Office. The web log (with times listed in Greenwich Mean Time is three hours previous to Eastern Standard Time) details that at 19:06 GMT (16:06 EST) Hall is searching the

following: 19:05 -fleshlight.com and 19:06 msn.com=daddys+girls.

On May 18, 2006, agents visited Hall at the Post Office in Jamestown, Kentucky. They advised Hall of his constitutional rights. He signed a written waiver of rights and agreed to talk to the agents. During the interview, Hall admitted that he had used the computer at the Post Office to access the Internet for the purpose of searching and viewing child pornography. The forensic exam of the computer revealed 11.5 GB of storage capacity for the child pornography images.

Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless prosecuted the case. The United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General conducted the investigation.

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